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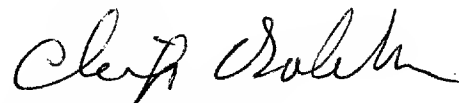
June 1, 1966

Dear Red:

I had already received an inquiry from Mr. van de Velde in regard to the candidacy of Dick Helms. As you probably know, he had been up before and I had given him a strong recommendation. I was very happy to do so this time, but I had to say in my letter that I had already seconded Ambassador Bruce, who has also been put up for this year's award. I said if I could support both I should be very happy to do so, but if not I had to abide by my earlier choice. I have not yet heard from Mr. van de Velde what the reaction is, but you may be sure that I will do everything I can in the circumstances to help Dick if it does not conflict with Ambassador Bruce's candidacy.

Many thanks for your note.

Sincerely yours,



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